

MR WHITEHEAD AND THE GOVERNMENT

Public Works, Plague, Magisterial Enquiry into Jerry Buildings, etc.

The following correspondence explains itself:

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 24th September, 1901.

Dear Sir, For the information of the Community will you be good to publish in an early issue of your paper the enclosed correspondence, which has taken place between the Government and myself, and oblige. I am, Yours truly,

T. H. WHITEHEAD.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1901.

Dear Sir Henry Blake, With reference to the following Resolution, of which I have given notice, viz:—

That in the opinion of this Council a thoroughly experienced officer of first-class ability in every respect and of considerable professional standing should be secured to all the office of Director of Public Works, and that this Council would willingly entertain any proposal which might be made by the Government for the provision of a better officer than the present incumbent.

I understood from Your Excellency's remarks that you were undecided as to whether the motion was in order, but in the hope that you will allow it to come before the Council on the following Monday, as the next meeting of Council may not take place for some time.

The Public Works Department is the greatest spending Department of the Government. The duties devolving on the Director of that Department are very responsible and most important.

These duties and arduous duties must steadily increase year by year with the material progress and the ever-increasing commerce of the Colony. If the Director can be kept away from Hongkong there is practically no limit to the further expansion of the trade of the port, which may safely be said to be in its infancy.

The development of the New Territory in the Kowloon Peninsula (on which 87,365,571.34 of public money has been expended from 1898 to 30th June last) must add largely to the duties of the Director of Public Works.

The work of the office is now so vast in the aggregate that it appears to have already outgrown the capacity of any one man, however able, industrious or energetic he may be.

In short, the time appears to have arrived for the separation of purely sanitary and Municipal work from the public works of the Colony. It is growing more evident every day that the granting of Municipal powers to the taxpayers cannot be much longer delayed.

In the interests of the trade and the shipping of the Colony, I am convinced of the imperative necessity of securing and appointing a thoroughly experienced officer, of first class in every respect and of considerable professional standing, to take charge of the Public Works Department and of the ever-increasing duties devolving on that Department in respect of roads, streets, buildings, sewerage, water works, reclamations, and the many important public works now in progress and in contemplation.

A better salary than that hitherto paid is indispensable, and the Council should willingly vote the same. Yours very truly,

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There was the collapse or tumbling down of Nos. 32 and 34 Colborne Street on the night of 14th ult., which resulted in the death of 49 persons and injury to many others. In regard to the latter collapse and the consequent deplorable loss of life an enquiry under Ordinance No. 7 of 1889 was held at the Magistrate's, but the said enquiry, as reported in my communication, was not satisfactory, while the Magistrate's decision appears to me to be equally incomplete and unsatisfactory. The enquiry has failed to show who is responsible for the jerry building or the faulty construction of the said two houses, which resulted in the loss of life and property, and the consequent loss of forty-three lives.

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THE PLAGUE EPIDEMIC OF 1901.

Interesting Report.

The report by Dr. F. W. Clark, Medical Officer of Health for the Colony, on plague in the Colony during the half-year ended June 30, is published in the Gazette. The report contains some interesting details.

It appears that, up to the date mentioned, the total number of cases reported was 1,488, of which 26 were Europeans and 1,416 were Chinese, the remaining 47 being other Asiatics. A large number of Chinese, however, left the Colony as soon as they felt at all ill, some of whom showed unmistakable signs of the disease on arrival at Canton and its neighbourhood. The total number of deaths was 1,417, of which 9 were Europeans. The death-rate among the Europeans was therefore 24.6 per cent., while among the Chinese it was 37.2 per cent., and among the other Asiatics 95.2 per cent. This high rate is largely accounted for by the fact that 21.7 per cent. of the Chinese cases were dead bodies found in the streets or in the harbour. The death-rate during each epidemic has been as follows:—

1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901

Percentage 92.7 89.5 89.0 94.1 95.5 95.2

THE EUROPEAN CASES DISCUSSED.

Dr. Clark gives some interesting details about the European cases. He says that the European cases during the present epidemic were more or less direct, and were associated with the finding of dead rats upon the premises. Although it must be admitted that many dead rats have been found in the houses of the Europeans, it is not possible to say that the disease has been introduced into the Colony by rats. The fact that in certain limited outbreaks, such as that recently (1900) experienced at Glasgow, the rat has not been proved to be the cause of the disease, is in favour of this view. The outbreak in Sydney in 1900, which was associated with the finding of dead rats, is also in favour of this view. The following is a very brief summary of the European cases:—

THE DISPENSARY CASE.

The first European to be attacked was a Frenchman in a drug store—two of whom were reported on the same date, and the third a few days later. Two of these patients succumbed to the disease, and a considerable number of Chinese women are employed by this firm in packing drugs for the Chinese market, and it is more than possible that they may have introduced the infection to the building.

THE NAVAL YARD CASE.

The next European case to occur was an employee at the Naval Yard, who had been more or less ill-humoured since he arrived in the Colony a year previously, and who died of the disease. A large number of Chinese are employed in the Naval Yard, and it is believed that the infection was introduced from one of them. The fact that the infection was introduced from one of them is supported by the fact that the patient was a Frenchman, and that the infection was introduced from one of them.

THE CHINESE CASE.

An European in charge of a bicycle-shop next contracted the disease probably from a French case in the same building; the case died, but the European recovered. One case occurred in the European quarter, where a large number of Chinese are employed. This patient also recovered. A mild case occurred in an employee of the Telegraph Company who resided in a Chinese tenement house in which a number of rats were found. The patient recovered. Two cases occurred in an hotel (husband and wife), one of whom died; on the day following to that on which the two cases developed, a Chinaman in the same building had died of the disease, after having been ill for at least two days. The fact that the patient recovered is in favour of this view. The following is a very brief summary of the European cases:—

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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HONGKONG, July 9, 1901. 846

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 K. F. GROS,
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Agents.

Hongkong, July 3. 1901. 1537

Name.	Class	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	4700	—	3900	Comdr. C. G. F. M. Craddock	Weihaiwei
Albion	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,900	Captain W. W. Hewett, R.N.	Hongkong
Allegro	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander T. E. Hunt	Hankow
Arethusa	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	6000	Captain J. Sturt	Shanghai
Aurora	cruiser, 1st class	11,900	10	18,000	Captain H. Cherry	Hongkong
*Bardlee	cruiser, 2nd class	4390	12	9000	Captain A. W. Paget, C.M.G.	Amoy
Benluein	armoured cruiser, 1st class	12,950	19	9500	Captain E. H. Bayly, C.B.	Weihaiwei
Bramble	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	18,000	Captain Sir G. T. Verrard	Weihaiwei
Bright	cruiser, 1st class	5000	12	21,411	Captain F. H. Henderson	Weihaiwei
Britannia	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Kiuland
Bulwark	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500		Singapore
Burns	gunboat	716	6	1300		
Daphne	torpedo boat destroyer	1140	8	3000	Comdr. Baird	Weihaiwei
Dido	sloop	1140	8	3000		Amoy
Dreadnaught	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9000	Captain P. F. Tillard	Nanking
Delos	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9000	Captain R. H. S. Stokes	Shanghai
Endymion	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	10,000	Captain W. A. Paget	Nanking
Enterprise	g.-b. 3rd class coast defence	383	3	800	Lieut.-Com. W. F. Blunt	Tung-ting Lake
Exeter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	5700		Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	4	350		Hongkong
*Gloria	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,600	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Goliath	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,600	Captain Lewis Wintz	Weihaiwei
Hamlyn	torpedo boat destroyer	275	8	4000	Lieut.-Com. C. H. Holden	Weihaiwei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	276	8	4000	Lieut.-Com. J. G. Armstrong	Wosung
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Comdr. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Isis	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9400	Captain Windham	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	260	0	3300		Bangkok
Lizard	gunboat, 1st class	715	0	1600	Lieut.-Com. John C. Watson	Weihaiwei
London	cruiser, 3rd class	2950	6	9000	Captain John G. M. Field	Weihaiwei
Marathon	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,600	Hon. A. G. C. Howe, C.B.	Weihaiwei
Mermaid	armoured cruiser, 1st class	12,950	12	8500	Captain J. H. T. Barker, C.B.	Wosung
Orlando	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	6300	Lt.-Com. C. E. Mansel	Weihaiwei
*Phoenix	sloop	1015	6	1400	Commander W. H. Nicholson	Hongkong
Penguin	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	720	Comdr. Othlham	On a cruise
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	2600	8	7000	Capt. Harry C. Reynolds	Nanking
River	gunboat, 1st class	650	6	1200	Lt.-Com. C. V. de M. Gwyer	Wuhu
Rambler	gunboat, 1st class	835	6	750	Lt.-Com. Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Redpole	gunboat, 1st class	805	6	720	Lt.-Com. Honrich Smith	Tangtsu
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. G. G. Webster	Canton
Rose	sloop	980	6	14 0	Comdr. C. A. W. Hamilton	Hongkong
Scarab	river gunboat	86	2	240	Lieut.-Com. H. C. Carr	Wichow
Seapiper	river gunboat	86	2	240		Hankow
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	758	2	870		Hongkong
Sphinx	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	6500	Lt.-Com. C. P. Peaty-Pownall	Hongkong
Salmon	cruiser, 2nd class	5000	11	9600	Captain F. G. Stoughton	Singhai
Scout	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Commander Francis Powell, C.B.	Hongkong
Severn	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	26,000	Captain Percy Scott, C.B.	Weihaiwei
Shamrock	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200		Hongkong
Shed	Surveying ship	42	2	450	Lieut.-Com. W. O. Lyne	Hongkong
Waterwitch	cruiser, 1st class	12,950	16	13,600	Lt.-Com. C. MacKenzie, D.S.O.	Weihaiwei
Whiting	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1000		Weihaiwei
Wivenhoe	river gunboat	150	2	560	Lieut.-Com. H. D. S. Watson	Hankow
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	560	Lieut.-Com. H. E. Hillman	Poyang Lake

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Austrian cruiser	Austrian cruiser	276	—	—	—	—
Austrian cruiser	Austrian cruiser	5900	30	10,000	Captain Cosulich	Nagasaki
French gunboat	French gunboat	360	—	—	Lieut. A. Belloy	—
French flagship	French flagship	4750	8	8300	Capt. Bachme	Hongkong
French gunboat	French gunboat	475	3	460	Commander Journet	Saigon
French gunboat	French gunboat	560	—	—	Lieut. Fiele	Nagasaki
French cruiser	French cruiser	4009	19	9000	Capt. Lefevre	Woorung
French cruiser	French cruiser	3800	—	—	Capt. De Epinay St. Luc	Shanghai
French gunboat	French gunboat	625	—	—	Commandeur Leau	Canton
French gunboat	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commandeur Leamy	Poyang Lake
French flagship	French flagship	8114	14	13,600	Captain D. du Tournel	Saig-n
French cruiser	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. de Saune	Shanghai
French cruiser	French cruiser	1658	8	2000	Capt. Tassin	Nagoda
French cruiser	French cruiser	3730	10	9000	Captain Adlam	Saigon
French gunboat	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. de la Motte de Portail	Nagasaki
French gunboat	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Frost	Taku
French cruiser	French cruiser	3688	14	8500	Captain Motet	Nagasaki
French cruiser	French cruiser	9457	8	6071	Captain Neny	Nagasaki
French gunboat	French gunboat	828	2	900	Capt. Vincent	Canton
French gunboat	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Moriet	Nagasaki
French gunboat	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Kuompeichuan
French gunboat	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Fouchow
German gunboat	German gunboat	1000	8	2800	Comdr. von Basewitz	Shanghai
German flagship	German flagship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Graf Cholke	Nagasaki
German gunboat	German gunboat	1630	8	—	Commander Bauer	Amoy
German cruiser	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	—	Shanghai
German gunboat	German gunboat	6000	20	10,000	Capt. von Casdon	—
German gunboat	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Lieut. Commandeur Sthamer	Hoiohcong
German gunboat	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Berger	Fouchow
German cruiser	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Gullich	Nagasaki
German gunboat	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Daehnhardt	Taku
German gunboat	German gunboat	1130	8	1500	Comdr. Boerner	Shanghai
German gunboat	German gunboat	1600	8	2900	Comdr. Schack	Nanking
German gunboat	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. von Mittelstadt	Hankow
German gunboat	German gunboat	—	—	—	—	Shanghai
Italian cruiser	Italian cruiser	2732	12	6500	Captain Casella	Taku
Italian cruiser	Italian cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Cagliardi	Shanghai
Italian cruiser	Italian cruiser	3828	—	—	Captain Cesconi	Singapore
Italian flagship	Italian flagship	6700	—	—	Captain De Filippi C. Onofrio	Shanghai
Italian cruiser	Italian cruiser	1800	14	—	Captain Zedi	—
Portuguese gunboat	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Captain Melo	Macao
Russian cruiser	Russian cruiser	45500	16	1000	Captain Jakovloff	Taku
Russian cruiser	Russian cruiser	5000	—	—	Captain Vavilovsky	Yokohama
Russian gunboat	Russian gunboat	610	2	750	Captain Elkisky	Vladivostok
Russian sloop	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Dobrovolsky	Taku
Russian cruiser	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Sharon	Nagasaki
Russian gunboat	Russian gunboat	650	9	3600	Capt. Serebrennikoff	Taku
Russian gunboat	Russian gunboat	2400	2	2000	Capt. Miklashersky	Shanghai
Russian battleship	Russian battleship	12,438	26	14,500	—	Nagasaki
Russian sloop	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Captain Silman	Taku
Russian sloop	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kaehler	Fouchow
Russian 2nd class battleship	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	—	Captain Bakleskoff	Nagasaki
Russian gunboat	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Captain Jensen	Shanghai
Russian battleship	Russian battleship	12,900	—	—	Captain Geras	Yokohama
Russian battleship	Russian battleship	11,000	—	—	Capt. Gerget	Nagasaki
Russian cruiser	Russian cruiser	12,200	26	—	Captain Sepeleminoff	Shanghai
Russian cruiser	Russian cruiser	1329	10	—	—	Taku
Russian flagship	Russian flagship	10,922	26	13,250	Capt. Haupt	Nagasaki
Russian battleship	Russian battleship	10,900	—	—	Capt. Melusky	Port Arthur
Russian gunboat	Russian gunboat	950	2	1155	Captain Barauck	Taku
Russian 2nd class battleship	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,900	14	5500	Captain Molias	Taku
Russian gunboat	Russian gunboat	950	2	1150	Captain Seppelatin	Taku
Russian armoured cruiser	Russian armoured cruiser	6046	16	7000	Captain Prince Ouchtonsky	Taku
Russian gunboat	Russian gunboat	500	11	3500	Capt. Rogula	Taku
Russian cruiser	Russian cruiser	1250	6	1184	Commander Shkiruf	Nagasaki
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1277	Commander Karl Rohrer	—
U. S. flagship	U. S. flagship	9215	32	18,768	Captain F. W. Dickens	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1169	8	1000	Commander C. G. Bowen	Manila
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1800	—	—	Lieut. Comdr. J. M. Helm	Manila
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1892	8	1988	Lieut. Comdr. W. F. Halsey	Shanghai
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1763	8	2200	Comdr. R. H. Ingersoll	—
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1000	8	2200	Commander Percy Garst	—
U. S. flagship	U. S. flagship	11,530	11	10,000	Comdr. J. K. Cogswell	Manila
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1900	2	750	Captain C. H. Stockton	Yokohama
U. S. monitor	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Comdr. T. B. Stevens	Manila
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1370	6	850	Comdr. F. M. Wix	Shanghai
U. S. monitor	U. S. monitor	4084	4	6244	Comdr. E. J. Drake	Taku
U. S. cruiser	U. S. cruiser	4140	—	—	Lieut. Comdr. Sperry	Hongkong
U. S. flagship	U. S. flagship	8220	24	17,401	Captain M. R. S. Mackenzie	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	1100	Commander J. B. Sheridan	—
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1118	Commander J. B. Sheridan	—
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1370	8	1984	Commander J. B. Sheridan	Shanghai
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	1001	Commander W. F. Halsey	Manila

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